

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus are disclosed for transmitting ACK/NAK information in a communication system including a transmitter (74) for
5 transmitting ACK/NAK information on an ACK/NAK channel, and a channel
gate (699) for gating the ACK/NAK channel based on whether a matching
preamble is detected in a received data unit by receiver (106). The data unit is a
first data unit in a series of data units comprising a data packet. The channel
gate (699) prevents transmission of the ACK/NAK channel when receiver (106)
10 has failed to receive the matching preamble in the data unit.